

Public Transportation and Bicycle Committee Meeting 19 April 2011

Attendance: John Bamberger, Lynn Grabowski, Karen Kowles (chair), Peter Lillya, Fran VanTreese, Eve Vogel

UMass Transit: Glenn Barrington sent ridership data for Rte 32 to Karen: a cumulative 2.5% increase relative to FY 2010 for the July-March period.

Safety Signs: Signs printed on 11 x 17 inch colored card stock would cost \$40 for 40 copies. Signs on white card stock would cost approx 25% of this. These signs will be mounted in the advertising space in UMass transit busses. Send suggestions for signs to Karen. Fall 2011 would seem like a good roll out time to catch the attention of students.

Bike week: There is a demo in the **UMass Human Performance Lab**, room 111 UMass Engineering Lab I, on Monday 14 May at noon.

The **PTB table** at the Friday 20 May breakfast on the Amherst Common, 8-10am would include handouts of the PTB charge in abbreviated form and a list of recent PTB accomplishments and ongoing projects including Complete Streets. The goal is to inform residents about the PTB and its activities and possibly enlist new members. Presentation of information on use of **bike racks on PVTA and UMass Transit busses** may also be possible.

Minutes of the February and March meetings were approved as amended.

No progress to report on discouraging parking in the CVS lot that blocks access to the path to Jones Library.

David Elvin reports that the new Route 32 schedule is still in the PVTA print queue.

Fran reported that per agreement between DCR, Mass DOT and Congressman Olver the repaving plan for the Norwottuck Rail Trail is being redesigned. A new person at DCR is in charge. The trail will be widened from the Connecticut River to Spruce hill Rd in Hadley and repaved at its present width from there to Belchertown.

The **next meeting** will be on Tue May 10 at 4pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Lillya
Secretary